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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MARR, GR, US

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH MFA SEC GEN ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND  
HOMEPORTING.

1. I TOOK OCCASION OF MY MEETING WITH ANGE VLACHOS, SECRETARY  
GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO SCOTCH NOTION THAT  
RENEWAL OF GRANT MILITARY AID FOR GREECE A REAL POSSIBILITY.  
ACCOMPLISHED DIPLOMAT THAT HE IS, HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT GRANT  
AID NOT REALLY ISSUE BUT RATHER OTHER FORMS OF AID SUCH AS  
MILITARY CREDITS AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. I AGREED, AND  
COMPLIMENTED GREEK PEOPLE UPON THEIR IMPRESSIVE ECONOMIC  
ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH SET THEM APART FROM COUNTRIES STILL IN  
EARLIER DEVELOPMENT STAGE, SUCH AS TURKEY.

2. IN THIS CONTEXT, I SAID SUGGESTION OF A QUID PRO QUO FOR OUR  
FACILITIES ALSO MERITED COMMENT. I REVIEWED OUR CONTRIBUTION TO  
DEFENSE OF GREECE WITHIN A NATO FRAMEWORK. I NOTED FACT THAT  
COMPARISON WITH A COUNTRY LIKE SPAIN INAPPROPRIATE, AS WE HAD  
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NO NATO COMMITMENT TOWARD THAT COUNTRY. I ALSO TOUCHED BRIEFLY

ON IMPACT THIS POSTURE HAD HAD ON OUR OWN MILITARY, POINTING OUT THAT DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO ATHENS ADMIRAL JOHNSTON, CINCSOUTH, HAD FELT CONSTRAINED TO DEPLORE THE QUID PRO QUO APPROACH AS A CLOUD OVER OUR RELATIONS OUT OF KEEPING WITH THE REALITY OF OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS.

3. I THEN ADDED THAT PHASE II HOMEPORTING SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHIN A QUID PRO QUO FRAMEWORK. VLACHOS WONDERED WHETHER WE FIRMLY ATTRACTED TO MEGARA AND NOTED HIGHLY NEGATIVE POSITION OF GOG TOWARD ANDREADIS REFINERY PROJECT IN THIS AREA, WHICH REFLECTED VIEWS OF PRIME MINISTER. I REPLIED THAT IT RATHER LATE IN DAY TO RAISE THIS, SINCE GOG ITSELF HAD PROPOSED MEGARA. I ADDED THAT U.S. NAVY CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT THAT HOMEPORTING BE IN OR NEAR A HEAVILY POPULATED AREA FOR REASONS OF MORALE AND CONVENIENCE.

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